

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT - ALTURAS FIELD OFFICE

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION

A. Background

BLM Office: Alturas Field Office LLCAN02000

NEPA File No.: DOI-BLM-CA-N020-2010-0019-CX

Proposed Action Title/Type: Clearwater Lodge Guided Fly-Fishing Trips

Location of Proposed Action: A section of the Pit River that begins at the Pit River Falls and continues to Lake Britton in Shasta County, California.

Mount Diablo Meridian, T. 36 N., R. 4 E.

See attached Map

Description of Proposed Action:

The proposed action is to issue a Recreation Permit for guided fly fishing trips on the Pit River. Trips would include: walking, wading, floating, and rafting. Launch and take out activities will involve the Pit River campground and facilities. The launch or takeout at the BLM campground will be dependent on the type and direction of the trip.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

This action conforms to the Alturas Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision (ROD), approved on April 17, 2008 because it is specifically provided for or is clearly consistent with the RMP objectives and decisions.

C. Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with H-1790-1-National Environmental Policy Act Handbook, Appendix 4, p. 153:

D. Recreation Management

Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights; that impacts no more than 3 staging area acres; and/or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan. This CX cannot be used for commercial boating permits along Wild and Scenic Rivers. This CX cannot be used for the establishment or issuance of Special Recreation Permits for "Special Area" management (43 CFR 2932.5).

E. Signature

This categorical exclusion is appropriate for this action because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The Proposed Action has been scoped by an interdisciplinary team of specialists in the Alturas Field Office and there were no issues or unresolved conflicts identified. I have determined that the above described project is a categorical exclusion, in conformance with the Alturas RMP, and does not require further NEPA analysis.

Timothy J. Burke
Field Manager

Date

F. Contact

For more information, contact Claude Singleton, at (530) 233-4666

Review of Extraordinary Circumstances

The Department of the Interior Manual 516 2.3A (3) requires review of the following “extraordinary circumstances” (516 DM 2 Appendix 2) to determine if an otherwise categorically excluded action would require additional environmental analysis/documentation.

Would the proposed action: (YES or NO)

- 1) Have significant impacts on public health or safety.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Date:

Comments:

- 2) Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Date: May 17, DJS

Comments: No impacts to cultural resources, DJS.

- 3) Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].

☐ Yes ☒ No

Date:

Comments:

- 4) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Date:

Comments:

- 5) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Date:

Comments:

- 6) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Date:

Comments:

- 7) Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Date: May 17, 2010, DJS

Comments:

- 8) Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Date:

Comments:

- 9) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Date:

Comments:

- 10) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Date:

Comments:

- 11) Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Date: May 17, 2010, DJS

Comments:

- 12) Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Date: 07/05/2010

Comments: Clearwater Lodge Guided Fly-Fishing Trips would have a low probability to contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species. The Pit River Campground and the access road has 11 yellow starthistle, 2 St. Johnswort and 1 Scotch thistle sites as documented in the 2010 Alturas GIS-Noxious Weeds Database. All sites were treated in 2009 and again in 2010. BLM will continue to inventory the Pit River Campground to ensure noxious weeds are maintained or eradicated. AMU

Reviewers:

Botany/Riparian

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Cultural Resources

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Wildlife

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Invasive Species

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